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Public Meeting Notice

Recent amendments of the Massachusetts Mercury Management Act (M.G.L. chapter 21H, Section 6J) require the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to establish an annual fee that would be paid by manufacturers of mercury-added lamps that are sold in the Commonwealth.

The relevant amendment is excerpted below. For the full text of the amendments, please see: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2014/Chapter196>

MassDEP will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 to obtain stakeholder input for the development of this fee. The meeting will be held at MassDEP Headquarters, One Winter Street, Boston, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in 2nd Floor Conference Rooms A-C. The meeting will also be broadcast over the web for participants who cannot travel to Boston.

The amendment requires MassDEP to assess a fee that will raise a total of \$300,000. The funds raised by the fee can be used by MassDEP and municipalities to undertake activities that are designed to increase recycling of spent mercury lamps. The amendment caps each manufacturer's fee at \$10,000, although MassDEP is allowed to establish fees that exceed this cap, if the revenue yield from the fee is less than \$300,000.

At this public meeting, MassDEP will provide a brief overview of the amendment and the issues involved in designing this fee. Following the overview, there will be an opportunity for audience questions and discussion.

If you want to participate through our web-conferencing service, please email John Reinhardt (John.Reinhardt@state.ma.us) to let us know and we will provide instructions for accessing the webinar.

Lastly, if you cannot attend in person or through the web, MassDEP would welcome your written comments on this issue. Please send them to John Reinhardt at the email address above.

2014 Amendments to the Massachusetts Mercury Management Act,

M.G.L. Chapter 21H, Section 6J:

See <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2014/Chapter196> for the full text of the new law. Below is the relevant excerpt related to the registration fees.

(d)(1) A manufacturer of mercury-added lamps shall satisfy the requirements of this section if such manufacturer who sells mercury-added lamps in the commonwealth individually pays, until June 30, 2024, an annual registration fee, not to exceed \$10,000 per year, into an expendable trust, under section 6 of chapter 6A and any applicable regulations, for the limited purpose of department and municipal administration, access, communication, enforcement and education costs for proper mercury-added lamp recycling or disposal. For the purposes of this subsection, the aggregate annual registration fees paid by such manufacturers shall be equal to \$300,000 per year; provided, however, that if the aggregate annual registration fees do not equal \$300,000, the department, pursuant to section 18 of chapter 21A, shall adjust the annual registration fee in excess of \$10,000 per year, for the sole purpose of reaching annual aggregate registration fees of \$300,000.